COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

| THE APPLICATION OF BELLSOUTH |) |
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| TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR |) |
| APPROVAL OF THE RESALE |) |
| AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BY |) |
| BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, |) CASE NO. 96-353 |
| INC. AND SOUTHEAST TELEPHONE, |) |
| LTD. PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251 |) |
| AND 252 OF THE |) |
| TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 |) |

ORDER

SouthEast Telephone, Ltd. ("SouthEast") has petitioned the Commission to decide whether it is feasible to use copper cable or coaxial cable for interconnection in rural areas between competitive local exchange carriers and incumbent local exchange carriers. SouthEast and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") are currently discussing this issue. BellSouth has filed a response to SouthEast's petition and has requested an informal conference.

Accordingly, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that an informal conference shall be held Tuesday, September 29, 1998 at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in Conference Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 730 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 15th day of September, 1998.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Executive Director

For the Commission